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THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Held at the Court House in Milford, Nov. 28th.

An Instructive Meeting, With Good Attendance—Sundry Questions Propounded, Topics Discussed, and Methods Suggested—General Interest Manifested.

The skies were dark and dripping last Saturday and the weather unpropitious for those who came from any distance, but notwithstanding that a goodly number of farmers met at the Court House in the forenoon. It was, however, deemed advisable that instead of any set speeches being made the institute should for that session assume a desultory character and any one wishing could discuss such topics as might be of interest.

There were present: J. A. Woodward of the State College, and J. F. McCormick of the same place, representing the State Board; E. G. Fowler, of Port Jervis, Editor of the Farmer and a veteran agriculturist and pomologist was also present and took part in the general discussion, which was opened by Christian Lehde who offered some remarks on the question, "As to how the farmer could come in closer contact with the consumer in the sale of his products." Incidentally this brought out the subject of dealing with the middlemen and commission merchants, and D. D. Newman gave rather unprofitable experiences he had with that class of benefactors. It was agreed that in the present state of matters, when farmers are so lacking in organization, that no remedy exists but in a more compact arrangement by them to so control the market that prices may be maintained, and to deal only with commission men of character and financial standing.

In the afternoon, Hon. John A. Woodward took up the question of fertilizers and as connected with this the feeding value of different stuffs and the best ratios for stock. The three elements which are most needed in the raising of crops are nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, and for years the farmers have been selling these fertilizers out of their lands. The depletion has been gradual but sure and the worn-out farm and poor land is the result. The farmers have allowed the manure to remain under the eaves of the buildings and the water to leach out all the strength, or to lie over the barn yard and have the same process completed by the rains. He did not believe in large applications of lime at one time but about twenty bushels to an acre every four years. By the use of charts he illustrated the different effect of crops on the land and the kind of fertilizer needed for them, and in the same manner he pointed out the feeding value of various products. Clover is most nearly the perfect feed, combining in itself all the requisites. The same feeding value can be obtained by mixing corn and wheat or other substances in proper proportions. Oats and peas mixed also furnish a nearly complete feed. He related that while at New Milford he observed four trains of milk passing to New York and estimated that they carried of manurial value \$840 dollars taken from the farms of that region. This fertility must in some way be supplied and the question is, "How to do it in the cheapest and most effective manner." The answer is by a proper system of feeding, so that the best results in that direction may be obtained in the most economical manner. This would aid to preserve the fertility of the soil because it would overcome the extravagant methods now in practice and by understanding the needs of the soil those elements would be applied which are necessary to restore the fertility taken away by the crops. The two would operate in counterpoise and so benefit the farmer by adding to the capacity of his land to produce better results. He also strongly urged that all fod-

der, straw and stalks should be cut, so that process greatly increased their food value and gave the refuse a much larger capacity for absorbing the liquid manure, which contained the elements of fertility in a large proportion.

This counsel was timely, and if farmers would heed the suggestion they would be astonished at the saving result. Particularly is it important when the hay crop is short to utilize the coarser fodder to the utmost, and a fodder cutter enables this to be done in the most economical manner.

The evening session was occupied by Mr. Woodward in the discussion of good roads in which several took part. He said the farmers can make just as good roads as they please, there is no hindrance but their inclination, and the lack of a proper interest in election officials from whom the best results are attained. Good roads are coming. The wheelmen are urging the matter, and if the people will only make the roads ordinarily good, extraordinary expense may be avoided. He advocated the payment of a cash road tax as more likely to secure the best results from the money raised, and also a board of road commissioners who would hire the men to do the work, following somewhat the present system of the school law under which directors are elected who employ the teachers. The road commissioners should serve without pay, as do the directors, and they should levy the tax and disburse the money. The law should provide several different kinds of roads, one of which might be suitable to the locality, and the commissioners of roads should adopt such style as might be proper for their section or township and when a certain length was constructed, which might vary, the state should pay out of an appropriation to be made therefor, a certain amount to be fixed by the act proportioned to the length of road so made or constructed. The people under this system would advance the money to build such of the kinds of roads prescribed as might be suitable and be repaid by the state when the road was constructed in accordance with the plan or system adopted. This outline perhaps does not do full justice to the views of the speaker, but it gives in substance his judgment as to the best method of arriving at the desired result by legislation. Back of this, however, must be a sentiment among the people favoring good roads and a willingness on their part to discard partisanship in selecting local officials. He insisted that capable, honest and efficient township officers were of more importance to local interests than the office of president, and yet, men would expend great energy in that direction and neglect the minor offices of their township the proper administration of which more nearly concerned their prosperity. He would by all means continue the present system of holding elections for local officials in the spring, or at a different time from the general election, so as to avoid as far as possible the injection of party spirit in the selection of township officers.

He was earnestly in favor of wide tires for wagons as they are excellent roads makers, and gave several illustrations to prove this fact. Mr. Woodward is an enthusiastic speaker of positive convictions, and withal thoroughly informed on the topics he discusses. He is a practical and successful farmer, and his experience which added to his scientific knowledge renders his talks of positive value to the farmers.

It is to be regretted that the weather was such as to prevent many from attending who no doubt had designed doing so, but those present carried away much food for thought, and their examples and influence will go far in the community toward arousing a more progressive spirit, and a fuller determination on the part of our farmers to more clearly comprehend the details of all those intricate and interesting of all sciences, the science of agriculture.

Football Was Hot The game played last week at Matamoras between a team from that place and Port Jervis was a rather one-sided affair. The Pike county boys got the mud and the other chaps the game. The score was 0 to a whole lot.

Sheep Damaged. Lehman, Ellen Gould, 4 sheep, 1 killed 3 injured; \$2, costs \$4. Filed Dec. 1. Greene, Baxter B. Kipp, 1 killed 1 wounded, \$4, costs \$3. Filed Dec. 2.

THE MILFORD LYCEUM.

Editorial: Writes on the Question of Incorporation.

EDITOR OF THE PRESS.

DEAR SIR:—Please permit me a few words in reply to your recent articles on the Milford Lyceum Association. I presume no one will dispute your position that it would be a good thing if the Association were incorporated. I for one will not, nor do I think that the present Board of Directors are opposed to such a step. They simply have not been sufficiently impressed with the advantages of it up to the present time, to take it under consideration. Attention having now been called to the matter by the publication of your views, I think I may say that at an early meeting it will be brought before the Board for discussion.

But is it a fact that the want of incorporation thus far has injured the Association in the eyes of the public, and cost us its confidence? And have the interests of the Association suffered from this lack in any other respect? I fail to see how.

Incorporation would not have shielded us against fire, and thus preserved to us our building. It would not have determined the character of our constitution and by-laws, the requirements for office or the qualifications of electors.

These points would still have been left for the corporate members to settle. And we think we have now a good constitution and by-laws, in accordance with which we are trying to conduct the management.

The constitution provides for an annual meeting for the election of officers, and gives to both life-members and annual members the right to vote. With a few exceptions these are now reduced to the life-members. Proper notice of the meeting is given each year, yet no one appears except the Board of Directors. These are generally renominated, because they have shown sufficient interest to attend meetings and to persevere in the work. An occasional effort to utilize new names from among the life-members has not proved a success. The person now serving as president does so solely because of the refusal of another to serve after election; whose election also the present president was active in promoting. So we have struggled on from year to year, hoping for the time when a more general interest would introduce new men, and relieve us of responsibility. The great difficulty has been not only the indifference of the public, but even of the voting members of the association.

Now some of these, as you suggest, may feel that our organization is too loose. In that case it may be advisable to tighten the screws all around. Should any one wish to make us a donation of five hundred or a thousand dollars (which would be very glad to receive), naturally such person would wish to see us incorporated; and the wise course perhaps will be to get ready before the shower begins. Hitherto it has been the day of small things with us, and our chief concern has been to take advantage, for the community of the building put at our disposal, rent free. Now that we have lost that building, we are anxious not to let the association die out, hoping that other rooms may be provided for our use without expense. Under encouragement we may enlarge our ambition. If the community will only adopt the child we have been nursing, and pledge itself to the child's support, their views, it is safe to say, will not be ignored in the management.

Director. Milford, Dec. 2, 1896.

Nearly Lost His Dinner. John M. Kuhn, a restaurant keeper of Lackawanna, was arrested last week for selling liquor without a license, and brought to Milford Thanksgiving Day. He was taken before Judge Mitchell on a "habens corpus" and entered into bail in \$200 with Charles Chesler as surety for his appearance at December sessions.

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PERSONAL.

Joseph Torwilliger, Charles and Henschel Wood visited Matamoras and Port Jervis Thanksgiving Day.

Alonso Klein left for the City of Brooklyn Thanksgiving Day. He will reside there permanently.

Albert Q. Wallace, of New York, spent Thanksgiving with his parents here.

Miss C. Nyce and family, of Bushkill, drove up to discuss Turkish affairs with C. W. Ball, Esq., last week.

Samuel Cuddeback, of Rutgers College, and E. V. Strong, accompanied by Miss Anna Van Inwagen, of Vassar College, and Miss Charlotte Neerpas, all of Port Jervis, drove to Milford Thanksgiving day and called on Miss Lida Van Etten.

Randal W. Kelly, of Kimbles, paid a brief visit to Milford last Friday on business.

C. Ott, Jr., a successful printer in New York, visited his friend, Frank Schorr, a few days recently.

H. S. Mott, who has been sojourning in Milford for several days, returned to Washington, D. C. Monday.

Ross Brodhead, of Washington, D. C., accompanied Mrs. C. H. Van Wyck home to Milford last week.

Mr. Ed. Cahill left town for New York on a business trip Monday.

John De C. Van Etten departed Monday for school at the Rockland Collegiate Institute, Nyack, N. Y.

Rev. F. G. Curtis, pastor of the Epworth M. E. Church of Matamoras, preached at the Methodist Church of this place, morning and evening. The reverend gentleman was accompanied by Mr. Theodore Watts, who called on his friend, W. F. Kimball, of the Press, last Sunday.

Rev. Thomas H. Mackenzie was installed pastor of the Reformed church at Port Jervis last Tuesday evening.

Harry DeWitt is confined to his room with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Rev. J. J. Van Hee, of Tri States has left that place. He was the minister in charge of the chapel, and has made many warm friends by his ministrations.

Daniel Jagger, of Dingmans Ferry is seriously ill of typhoid pneumonia.

Mrs. C. E. Stewart who spent the summer in Colorado is again domiciled in her Philadelphia home for the winter.

Mrs. Frank Ringmaster, of Iowa a daughter of Robert K. Van Etten of Conashaugh is visiting her parents and friends in the East.

Rev. Dr. Riggs, of New Brunswick, N. J., who has been preaching in the Reformed church at Port Jervis since the departure of Mr. Venema terminated his services there last Sunday. He goes to Plainfield, N. J., as supply to the Reformed church at that place.

Miss Bettie Cornelius left town yesterday for a weeks' visit with friends at Honesdale.

Mrs. Dr. De Plasse is on a prolonged visit to her sister in Kansas.

Mrs. Ann Wells and Mrs. C. O. Armstrong returned from a visit in the Metropolis last week.

The Misses Fanny Pofflon and Letitia Harsell returned from New York, where they had been sojourning last week.

Hon. Joseph J. Hart and wife have returned from a visit with their friends in Washington, D. C., and Maryland.

Miss Minna Bull, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Edith Nyce at Bushkill, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Taft, of Matamoras are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. F. Foster, Waverly Advocate.

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pective groom being a native and widely related to Pike County folks. Mrs. Sherwood D. Van Campen, of Dockertown, with her children is paying her sister, Mrs. E. W. Bull a visit.

Mrs. Lucian B. Quick, of near Sawkill, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of measles.

Miss Nichols, of Owego, N. Y., is making a visit with her brother, Rev. Thos. Nichols.

John W. Lyon, of Port Jervis, has been confined to his house since Friday last with a severe attack of neuralgia of the stomach. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Lyon is better to-day and hopes to return to his business very soon.—Gazette.

Mrs. Jane Everitt living near Dingmans Ferry with her daughter, Mrs. Albert B. Middaugh, is past ninety years old and a great-great grandmother.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fingow and daughter have gone to spend the winter with relatives in Trenton, N. J.

Representative-elect Frederick A. Kessler was in Milford yesterday morning.

Mrs. Jane Emerson is visiting in Philadelphia for a few days.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Ethel Noyes only daughter of Ed. H. Noyes of this place to Addison W. Bronson of Titusville, Pa.

D. H. Hornbeck removed from the Nyce house to that of J. A. Kipp this week.

S. O. Dimmick, of Port Jervis who went to New York for an operation for cataract of the eyes, has had it successfully performed, and will regain the sight of one eye certainly. Dr. St. John Roosa was the surgeon.

Mrs. Doughty, of Conashaugh returned this week to her city home in New York.

BRIEF MENTION.

—Those cranberries ex-Sheriff Hoffman left with the Pussers were as fine as such berries can be. The remembrance was timely, and the appreciation accordingly.

—The National Bakery wagon met with a slight mishap last Friday by the horse falling and breaking the shafts. It did not affect the price of the staff of life, however.

—The mortars, carriages and bells were treated to a coat of black paint and their appearance improved.

—Shade trees are being planted around Centre Square.

—The commissioners are putting down a new floor in their office in the Court House.

—Sunday night Nov. 15 a woman was murdered at Lansford, Carbon county and her husband badly injured by unknown men. The purpose was robbery.

—The next meeting of C. L. S. will be held Thursday evening Dec. 10 at the home of the Misses Bull on Broad street.

—What has become of our Sandyston correspondent? He seems to have missed a cog, and the machine does not run smoothly without it.

—The Delaware & Hudson Canal closed Tuesday.

—Four inches of snow fell at Jersey City last Sunday night. Philadelphia also had quite a fall of the beautiful.

—In Port Jervis the Health Board has changed the method of quarantining houses. Instead of a red flag they will use printed cards placed in a conspicuous place on the front of the house.

—If the weather is fair, the usual service may be expected at the Sawkill School House, Sunday, December 6th at 2.30 p. m.

—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the Presbyterian church Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Preparatory services this evening.

Apoplexy was the Cause of His Death. Mr. George C. Stiel a resident of Sandyston Township, N. J., was found by his wife to be dead when she attempted to arouse him last Saturday morning. He was in Port Jervis the day preceding in his usual good health. Death was due to apoplexy. The funeral was held Tuesday morning.

A BAD ACCIDENT.

His Leg Broken by a Log Rolling on It While at Work in a Saw Mill.

Simon Titworth, who is employed by the firm of A. D. Brown and Son, had the misfortune last Friday to have his leg broken above the knee. He was working in the sawmill in Porter township and in rolling a log was caught with the above result. He was brought to Milford and the necessary surgical attention rendered him by Dr. H. E. Emerson. The accident is deplorable for one in his circumstances especially. He is a faithful, pains taking man, but in very moderate circumstances. Last spring sickness and death in his family was a severe blow to him financially from which he was just recovering, and now with the near approach of winter to be thus deprived of the ability to earn a livelihood makes his case one which appeals to the kindness of the charitably inclined.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

A Large and Attentive Audience Listened to An Able Sermon by Rev. W. K. Sew at the M. E. Church.

The sermon preached by Rev. W. K. Sew of the M. E. Church last Thursday was attentively listened to by a large congregation. The speaker addressed himself to the things we have reason to be thankful for, and made a stirring appeal to the patriotism of his hearers. His allusion to the duty of every citizen to elevate the political tone of the country by discarding partisan ties and placing the best men in office was a happy thought and one that may be profitably considered. The collection taken was for the benefit of the Armenian sufferers and the sum of \$25.14 was donated.

A DEER IN WESTFALL.

It Rushed From the Mountain, Through Upper Matamoras, and Swam the River.

Many of the people of Matamoras saw the wonderful sight about eight o'clock last Tuesday morning of a fine young doe galloping down from the mountain and rushing through the upper part of the village and taking to the Delaware river, swimming across the stream just below the old bridge abutment and disappearing in Germantown, a suburb of Port Jervis. It crossed the Erie Railroad tracks and went up to the Delaware & Hudson canal, jumped in and swam to the other side, and climbed Mount William.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE paid for hides at Rudolph's old tannery, Milford, Pa. nov1096

Scarlet fever made its appearance last week in the family of Rev. B. S. Laster. The physician in charge, Dr. H. E. Emerson could not trace the source of contagion, and at a meeting of the Board of Health it was deemed wise as a measure of precaution to quarantine the house. The class which the Reformed gentleman has, was dismissed and his other daughter was not permitted to enter the sick room. He states that he has taken every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease and we sincerely hope that, this first case will be the last in town. The child is convalescent and the danger from that source will soon be over.

AN OLD RELIC.

Workmen in digging holes for shade trees along Broad street struck the original Milford water works, put down by James Barton. The water was conveyed in logs through which a two inch hole was bored. The logs were coupled by an iron ring joining the end of each length. The logs were all decayed, but the ring was nearly as good as new.

A Childrens Service. The services last Sabbath evening in the Presbyterian church were of a nature to interest the Sunday school. There were responsive readings, singing and a short address by the pastor on Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

New England Supper. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a New England Supper and sale of fancy articles at the Sawkill House, Tuesday evening, December 16th. The public is cordially invited.

A PHENOMENAL HUNT.

A Tale of the Great Hunt of Some Mighty Nimrods.

A Party of Sportsmen from Dingmans Successful in Capturing Large and Small Game—Birds, Deer and Raccoons Brought Down by Their Unerring Aim—Several Raccoons Discovered in Delaware Township. (SPECIAL TO THE "PRESS.")

Twenty partridges, five woodcock, seven bee-trees, four raccoons and two deer!

The writer heretofore is not a modern Munchausen and neither is the catalogue of game herein above mentioned and intended to be so, a fabulous or exaggerated one, but is a simple recounting of the fruits of a two weeks' "hunt" indulged in by a party of sportsmen from the vicinity of Dingmans. Not long prior to Thanksgiving, G. Y. Crone and his sons Lane and Will, James B. Angle, Theodore Howey and Joseph Brooks betook themselves to the wilderness for a fortnight's outing amid the rock-ribbed hills and gloomy fastnesses of the far-famed "Rock Hill" region, and from the moment of their advent in that realm of solitude, success most phenomenal perched upon their banner. At first along they were content to limit their excursions to the pursuit of birds, and in all bagged twenty partridges and four woodcock. And then they varied the programme by hunting coons and bee-trees. Again fortune favored them and they captured four raccoons and discovered seven bee-trees laden with the mollificent stores of the industrious little workers of the wilds. At last tiring of this sort of recreation, and the time drawing near when they must break their camp and return to their homes, they resolved to go forth in quest of deer. And on the second day of this quest—the afore-mentioned quest—Fortune smiled upon them her sweetest, blindest smiles, and at night they returned to their camp—Nick Holden's cabin—laden with glory, glory and venison. One fine buck, proof of the accurate aim and steady nerve of Jim Angle, and one fine doe, evidence of the unsurpassed marksmanship and superb woodcraft of "Dory" Howey, were the last and crowning prizes of the most eminently successful hunting expedition that ever set out from Little Delaware. So ended the hunt—a hunt not entirely devoid of disaster, because at the close, the cabin took fire, and it was by the most energetic efforts the flames were extinguished, as little water could be procured—the falls being full of honey. But the conflagration was subdued and only one serious loss incurred was that to J. B. Angle, whose pantaloons went up in smoke and it is thought were not insured. But "all's well that ends well," and the following day the triumphant return was made—a return which astonished the natives, and gave the palm to the jubilant party as the most successful of modern Nimrods. Know.

10,000 feet well-seasoned good whitepine boards for sale. Price reasonable. Enquire of Wm. Angle at blacksmith shop. aug12tf

HYMENEAL.

HARBROUCK-BURGHOYE.

An ultra fashionable wedding took place in Port Jervis the night before Thanksgiving when Miss Josephine C. Burgoyne, of Godeffroy, N. Y., and Mr. John H. Harbrouck, of Port Jervis were united in wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Quane of the A. M. E. Zion church. Presents were numerous and beautiful. Among the guests from Milford present were Mrs. Laura Ray and Mr. John Scott and wife, and from Port Jervis Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Van Etten, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Van Etten, Mrs. O. P. Howell, and Miss Edna Howell, and Mrs. H. O. Rosencrans.

Admitted to Probate. The will of Mrs. Lucy C. Kimble, deceased, was recently admitted to probate by John C. Westbrook, Register. She gives all her estate to her daughter, Mrs. Jane McKown.